

# Half-million students

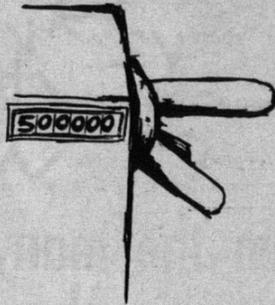
by Diane Wild

Full-time enrolment at Canadian universities has surpassed one half million students for the first time in history.

The figures, based on preliminary data collected by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, show an increase of 3.3 percent over last year. Though the 1980's were expected to show declining enrolment, the 1989/90 school year is the tenth straight year for record full-time enrolment. Alberta and Saskatchewan, who had reported declines on last year's survey due to enrolment quotas, limited growth policies, and higher admission standards, recovered this year after slight changes to these policies.

All provinces indicated growth this year. Credit is given to the substantial rise in first year undergraduate enrolment, with a small increase in the number of foreign students.

Alberta's universities reported a 5.4 per cent increase in first year full-time undergraduates, a 12.7 per cent increase in foreign students and a 3.2 percent total full-time increase.



According to the Registrar's Office, full-time enrolment at the University of Alberta was up 1.5 per cent over last year—from 25,165 students in 1988/89 to 25,581 in 1989/90.

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# Small appliances and live animals

Unlikely missing articles find home at Campus Security

by Sigrid Sollbach

Are you the person who lost the toaster on campus? The athletic equipment? The bathing suit? Campus security may be holding these items for you and they're just dying to give them back. If you've lost an item within the past 60 days, you should consider dropping in, and the friendly officers will be more than happy to give it back to you.

Gwen Zurkan, Records clerk with Campus Security, known as the connoisseur of lost and found procedures, stated, "I've seen everything turned in. Various assortments of clothing, some very personal, have waited to be claimed, as have textbooks, electrical appliances, calculators, slide projectors, irons, popcorn makers, notebooks, and basketballs." Among the weird things Zurkan has had through her

office have been a snake, a porcupine, and chickens, all found in the Engineering building. All animals were turned over to the SPCA.

When an item is turned in to Campus Security, a description of it is taken and a report is filed. When an item is reported lost, files are checked. If the item has not been turned in, a report with a description will be filled out, and you will be contacted should the item be turned in.

Zurkan gave a few guidelines which would make her job a lot easier. It would be great if students came in as soon as possible after they've lost an item, instead of coming in and saying: "About two months ago I lost a pair of black gloves in CAB..." Unfortunately, Campus Security won't be able to help you should you do this.

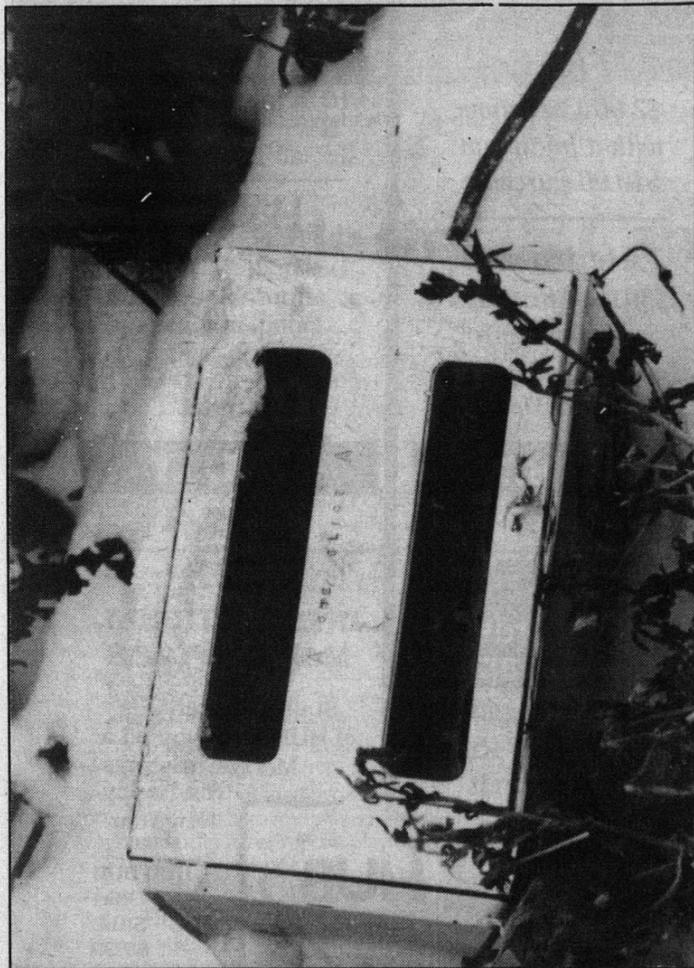
There are a few things that you can do to help ensure that your property is returned to you such as:

—Label everything. Notebooks, textbooks, etc. (hint—if you don't label a textbook to keep the resale value high, how much profit will you make if you have to buy the book twice?)

—Take down the serial numbers of calculators and other items. This will make quick identification possible. (How many people in your Math class have the same calculator as you?)

—If you've changed addresses, please update this change with the Registrar's office. They know that you're not commuting from Ontario.

If you choose to not pick up your belongings, you may be comforted by the fact that all unclaimed items go to charitable organizations such as the Urban Manor shelter for men, Women in Need, Goodwill and the Salvation Army. Glasses are handed over to the Lions' Club, and bikes are turned over to the city police.



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